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Monthly Register.

CYMMRODORION.

OUR readers will see, in another part of this Number, a notice of the "Memoirs," which we stated in our last to have been received by this Society from the "Royal Society of Antiquarians" at Paris. The communication, accompanying them, we now find, was of no general interest, but a mere official note from the secretary of the Institution. The Cymmrodorion, we are happy to add, are about immediately to open a correspondence with all other Societies, whether at home or abroad, whose pursuits have any congeniality with their own.

The very able Librarian of this Institution is now preparing a full and explanatory catalogue of the MSS. we noticed last month as recently purchased by them, to be inserted in their next Report

GWYNEDDIGION.

THE wrapper of the present Number announces the subject for the next annual prize poem of this Society to be "The Ancient Customs of the Cymry, including, amongst others, bardism, singing with the harp, and festive games." The successful candidate will be declared at the next *Eisteddfod* at Brecon.

The following is a list of the Officers of the Gwyneddigion for the present year :—

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| Llywydd, (<i>President</i>)—Mr. Thomas Edwards. | |
| Rhaglaw (<i>Vice-President</i>)—Mr. Jeremiah Evans. | |
| Trysorydd (<i>Treasurer</i>)—Mr. David Lewis. | |
| Coviadur (<i>Secretary</i>)—Mr. Griffith Jones. | |
| Bardd (<i>Bard</i>)—Rev. Walter Davies. | |
| Llyvrwr (<i>Librarian</i>)—Mr. Evan Evans. | |
| Cynghor (<i>Council</i>). | |
| Mr. Edward Williams | Mr. Felix Felix |
| Mr. Isaac B. Jones | Mr. Evan Thomas |
| Mr. Thomas Edwards | |

ST. DAVID'S DAY.

THE festival of our tutelary saint was observed this year in the metropolis with its accustomed honours. The Society of

Ancient Britons, more generally known as that of the Welsh Charity School, celebrated on this occasion their 108th anniversary. The President, Stewards, and other officers and members of the Institution, after partaking of a breakfast at the School-House, in Gray's Inn Lane, went, in the customary procession, to St. James's Church, Piccadilly, where the service was read in Welsh by Mr. Alban, the Society's Chaplain. A truly impressive sermon was afterwards preached by the Right Rev. Bishop of Chester, from St. Matt. 25, v. 35., during which his Lordship took an appropriate opportunity of stating, that an individual, who had been educated by this Charity, has since contributed the sum of £2,000 towards its support. The Society afterwards assembled at dinner at the Freemasons' Tavern, where the Duke of Wellington was in the chair as President of the day. He was attended by the Marquis of Anglesey, the Bishop of Chester, Lord Bulkeley, Lord Kenyon, Lord Combermere, Lord Hill, Sir Charles Morgan, Sir Digby Mackworth, the Right Hon. C. W. W. Wynn, the Dean of Canterbury, and many other distinguished patrons of this benevolent Institution. The evening, as usual, was enlivened by much appropriate music, as well instrumental as vocal: and Mr. Parry, Editor of the "Welsh Melodies," who, with his son, contributed much to the harmony of the day, had prepared an Ode for the festive occasion, which received considerable applause.

The collection after dinner, for the benefit of the Charity, amounted to £1124, which, although a trifle more than that of last year, falls considerably below the sum collected in most former instances. This defalcation arises, in all probability, from the new regulation with respect to the dinner-tickets, which, although it may have the effect of rendering the company more select, has an obvious tendency to diminish the funds of the Society. We are happy to hear, therefore, that this obstacle is likely to be removed. The company on the present occasion did not exceed two hundred and fifty.

St. David was also welcomed with due respect in other parts of the kingdom, among which we may particularly mention Liverpool, Chester, and Edinburgh. In the last mentioned town the festival was kept for the first time, and, from the patriotic spirit evinced by those who attended, seemed to afford an earnest of its permanent celebration hereafter.